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By **LETTER REGARDING INCOMPLETE OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

Applicants note that the current Office Action mailed August 14, 2002 cites a reference to "Newton" which is not identified by patent number and is not listed of record in any of the PTO-892 or PTO-1449 forms. Because Applicants are unable to prepare an appropriate response without the benefit of the reference, Applicants request that a supplemental Office Action be issued including a copy of the Newton reference and restarting the time period for response.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required under 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 08-0750. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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